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## Local schools among those sharing \$57.8 mil. in state safety grants

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced Monday that the state will support the installation of security upgrades at more than 700 K-12 schools across Ohio.

Local schools to receive these security upgrades include:

- **Bedford City Schools** - \$450,000 total for Bedford High School, Carylwood Intermediate, Central Primary, Columbus Intermediate, Glendale Primary and Heskett Middle School.

- **Cleveland Central Catholic High School**, Cleveland, \$100,000.

- **Independence Local Schools** - \$283,455 total for Independence High School, Independence Middle School and Independence Primary School.

- **St. Stanislaus School**, Cleveland, \$100,000.

- **Trinity High School**, Garfield Heights, \$100,000.

A total of 708 schools in 57 counties will receive \$57.8 million in grant funding to enhance student and staff safety. The state is awarding the funds as part of the K-12 School Safety Grant Program, which helps schools with physical security expenses, such as new security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems and exterior lighting.

"We are being proactive in keeping our schools safe in Ohio. Student and staff safety is paramount," said Gov. DeWine. "These safety grants are helping schools create environments that are secure and welcoming for teachers and their students."

Monday's announcement represents the third round of grants awarded as part of the Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program. In the first round, \$5 million in state funding was awarded to 95 schools in 27 counties. Gov. DeWine then partnered with the Ohio General Assembly to increase funding for the program by an additional \$100 million. He announced the availability of the second round of funding in August, totaling \$42.2 million for 1,065 schools.

The remaining \$57.8 million in grants are being awarded through a competitive process to public school districts and chartered non-public schools, with a maximum award of \$100,000 per school. The grant program is administered by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission in partnership with the Ohio School Safety Center.



Pictured with the framed thank-you note from Jacqueline Kennedy are Immaculate Heart of Mary pastor, Rev. Ralph Hudak, Slavic Village historian Glenn Sobola and Lawrence Baranowski.

## Presidential memento given to Slavic Village Historical Society

A moving document related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which happened 59 years ago this week, has been given to the Slavic Village Historical Society. It is a thank-you note from the president's widow sent soon after the tragedy to Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Lansing Ave.

Addressed to Sr. Mary Pius, the former fifth grade teacher, the printed correspondence bears the Kennedy family's ancestral crest and states that Mrs. Kennedy is "deeply appreciative of your sympathy and grateful for your thoughtfulness." The black-bordered envelope in which it arrived is stamped with the postal frank of Jacqueline Kennedy.

The artifact was donated to the society by parishioner Lawrence Baranowski, who attended the grade school in the 1960s. He said he found the valuable item while going through family papers.

## Garfield Heights to become Power A Clean Future Ohio community

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met in regular session Monday night and passed a resolution authorizing the city to become a Power a Clean Future Ohio community.

According to its website, "Power a Clean Future Ohio is an expansive, diverse coalition engaging with cities and local governments across the state of Ohio to build a clean future for our communities. Power A Clean Future Ohio is empowering local leaders with tools and resources to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable and economical.

"It is a nonpartisan coalition that works with local leaders to develop and implement proven climate solutions and is committed to reducing carbon emissions throughout Ohio in big and small ways that make sense for each local community. Ohio's economy, health and future depend on a new approach to clean energy and climate change."

Its policy priorities include: Clean Transportation, Renewable Energy, Energy Waste Reduction, Land Use and Federal Grant Assistance.

Janice Tubbs, project manager in the Garfield Heights Department of Economic Development, introduced a representative from the nonprofit organization at Monday night's meeting, who explained the program and that it will be implemented at absolutely no cost to the city.

The only other item on the council agenda was passage of an emergency ordinance authorizing an agreement with OHM Advisors to continue to provide engineering services to the city for 2023 and 2024.

The next regular meeting of council will be held on Monday, Dec. 12.

## City of Cleveland beginning property survey

A city-wide, door-to-door property survey is beginning across Cleveland. All parcels in the city will be visually surveyed, photographed and assigned a letter grade based on its condition.

The survey will also assess vacancy, lead risk and other characteristics. The survey will also provide a unique opportunity to assess all parcels for lead risk with the hope of targeting repair resources to those properties. The last city-wide survey was conducted in 2015. In 2018, a survey was conducted only on the east side of Cleveland.

Cities need data concerning vacant properties and

building conditions to make informed decisions regarding the use of limited resources for code enforcement, demolition and rehabilitation. Property inventories have become important tools for communities across the state.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy, which is conducting the survey with Cleveland staff, has now completed property inventories in Akron, Dayton, Elyria, Lorain, Oberlin and Sandusky.

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DRAWING WINNERS



## Youth Opportunities Unlimited receives \$65,000 FEW grant to center workers and learners of color

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) is one of 15 workforce development organizations from across the country, and the only one in Ohio, to receive an inaugural grant from the Fund for Workforce Equity. FEW is a new pooled investment fund led by Workforce Matters that was created to implement initiatives that center workers and learners of color in designing or implementing workforce policies and programs.

Y.O.U. is a nonprofit workforce development organization based in Cleveland. For more than 40 years Y.O.U. has served teens and young adults ages 14-24 living in under-resourced areas in Northeast Ohio.

This grant will build upon Generation Work Cleveland| Cuyahoga County (GWCC), a collaboration supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation that focuses on improving employment and earnings for young adults — particularly young adults of color.

Y.O.U. has partnered with GWCC since the initiative launched in 2014. With this grant, Y.O.U. will work with GWCC partners to gather and review data that centers the

voice of young adults of color in job quality conversations. The project will highlight what characteristics of a job or employer are of particular importance to young workers.

This information will then be used to inform and advise employers looking to hire and retain young adult talent — specifically black and brown young adult workers — and programs supporting young talent.

“Since Y.O.U. released the \$44,000 Question report, we have been asking ‘what will it take to engage young workers and get them into, or back into, work,’” says Y.O.U. President & CEO Craig Dorn. “Support from the Fund for Workforce Equity allows us to take what we have learned from GWCC and dig into the data involving young workers. Peer interviews, sector specific questions and data disaggregated by race will inform hiring managers and other decision makers.”

The Fund for Workforce Equity is an initiative of Workforce Matters that has pooled funding from 22 grantmaking organizations. The Fund’s advisory committee is comprised of philanthropic and workforce field leaders committed to interrupting the systemic racism embedded within the field’s practices, policies, programs and the labor markets of communities they serve.

Local supporters of the Fund for Workforce Equity are Cuyahoga County Workforce Funders Group, Deaconess Foundation, and Fund for Our Economic Future.

Other Generation Work Cleveland| Cuyahoga County partners include The Centers for Families and Children, which will lead the data analysis of this project, Towards Employment, OhioGuidestone, Tri-C’s Advanced Technology Academy and Hospitality programs, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Manufacturing Works, and the Fund for Our Economic Future

## Cleveland Opera presents 'A Christmas Fantasy'

Costumed performers of The Cleveland Opera will bring the sounds of Christmas to Slavic Village in a free, one-hour concert at St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland, this Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Beloved carols and other musical gems will be sung and played on a variety of instruments. Free-will donations accepted.

## Death Notices

### KATHLEEN J. SENDER



Kathleen J. Sender (nee Arnold), age 71, passed away on November 23, 2022. Cherished wife of the late James T. Sender. Loving mother of Kristopher Krieger (Michelle), Adam, Matthew, Daniel (deceased), Patrick (deceased), Nathan, Katelynn, Allison, Molly, and Erin. Devoted Grandmother of Marissa, Michael, James, Grace, Daniel, Andrew, Elizabeth, Ethan (deceased), Gabriel, Ariel, Thomas, Liam, Alexis, Amari, Gavin, Axel, Connor, Logan, and Jacob. Beloved daughter of Jack and Nellie Arnold (nee Epler). Big sister to Patricia, Pamela, Michael (Charlotte), Ira (Lynne), James, Steven (Louise), and Linda (Jake) Arnold. Kathy also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Kathleen loved nature, especially birds and butterflies. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy. Most of all, she loved her grandkids who were the center of her life and filled her with such pride. She will be greatly missed.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Holy Name Church located at 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105.

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## Genealogical Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. A discussion on forensic genealogy will be presented by Christine Cochran. For additional information contact Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com.

## Piano Quartet Recital

A Piano Quartet Recital, a free Cleveland Institute of Music Community Outreach Performance, will be held this Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland. Works by Brahms and Dvorak will be featured with Konrad Kowal, violin; Charles Carter, viola; Nora Willauer, cello, and Jacob Bernhardt, piano.

## Mustang wrestlers return six District qualifiers

The Maple Heights High School wrestling team returns six District qualifiers for the upcoming 2022-23 season. The Mustangs will be looking to capture their 12th consecutive Lake Erie League championship and 48th overall since 1954, in both the old Greater Cleveland Conference and the Lake Erie League.

Returning District qualifiers include Jayshawn Eggleton, Derek Palmer, Vontez Tyus, Terry Murphy, Kaden Pulley and Steven Gardner.

Other returning lettermen include Kendall Mathews-Callum, Markese Moss, Anthony Brooks, Ian Adams, Devin Jones and Sam Holland.

Jamie Milkovich, the winningest coach in the history of Ohio wrestling with 563 dual meet victories, begins his 42nd season as head coach of the Mustangs. He will once again be assisted by a pair of outstanding coaches in Rick LaScala and Andrew Wolf.

Maple Heights will travel to the Brush Duals (Dec. 3), Chagrin Falls (Dec. 8), Painesville Harvey Quad (Dec. 10), Hudson Holiday Tournament (Dec. 16 & 17), Westlake Duals (Jan. 14), Akron Kenmore/Garfield Duals (Jan. 21), Willoughby South (Jan. 26), North Royalton (Feb. 4), Sectional Tournament (Feb. 25), District Tournament (Mar. 3 & 4) and The Ohio State Tournament (Mar. 10-12).

The Mustangs will host the 7th annual Maple Heights Holiday Tournament (Dec. 30), the 13th annual Maroon & White Duals (Jan. 7), Garfield Heights (Jan. 27), and the Lake Erie League Tournament (Feb. 11).

## Thanksgiving Turkey Contest winners named!

Due to the generosity of 37 local merchants, a total of 38 Thanksgiving Turkeys were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Turkey Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and turkey winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Contest are: **#1 Roofing**, We're #1, 216-319-0430, Tony Szymkowski of Pease Rd.; **Ace Hardware**, 5680 Turney Rd., James Toy of E. 32 St.; **Arrow Realty**, 4975 Turney Rd., Nancy Harp of Andover Blvd.; **Mayor Jack Bacci**, Village of Cuyahoga Heights, JoAnn Tetlak; **Big Boy Restaurant**, 7800 Granger Rd., Linda Lappert of Park Knoll Dr.;

**Broadway Scrap Metals**, 8202 Broadway Ave., Ken Forestall of E. 54 St.; **Browns Tavern**, 5211 Harvard Ave., Debra Konieczka of State Rd.; **Mayor Matt Burke**, City of Garfield Heights, Patty Weber of E. 104 St.; **Tony D'Eusano**, Local Realtor, 216-956-9277, Kathy Cermak of Wynde Tree Rd.

**Dave's Supermarket**, 7422 Harvard Ave., Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 4948 Turney Rd., Maryann Terrill of Beman Ave.; **Dependable Electric**, 440-845-8661, Holly Miller of Maplewood Ct.; **Chuck Donahue**, **Ward 2 Councilman**, **City of Garfield Hts.**, Vickie Myers of Granger Rd. and Glenn Hanus of Donovan Dr.; **First Federal Lakewood**, 12648 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons, Carol Kucko of Forest Overlook; **Fisher Auto Parts**, 5727 Turney Rd., Sue Houska of Mapleview Dr.;

**Gas USA**, 7020 Harvard Ave., Brenda Simon of Ella Ave.; **Harry's Steakhouse**, 5664 Brecksville Rd., Daniel Konicki of Shady Way Rd.; **Matrix III Income Tax Service**, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Bernie Sliva of Plymouth Ave.; **Nifty Thrifty Variety Shop**, 7100 Broadway Ave., Hannah Webb of Maurice Ave.; **PNC Bank**, 7101 Broadway Ave., Derick Williams, Sr. of Glendale Ave.

**R & K Sausage**, 7700 Harvard Ave., Sharon Priebe of Washington Park Blvd.; **Rad Air Complete Car Care**, 5266 Turney Rd., June Frank of W. 48 St.; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.**, 5306 Transportation Blvd., Sandy Dobies of Jamestown; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Pat Vartorella of E. 84 St.;

**Save-A-Lot #61305**, 4790 Turney Rd., Jackie Kijanski of Granger Rd.; **Shell**, Turney Pit Stop, 5095 Turney Rd., Dave Bodnar of Oak Park; **Subway**, Turney Town, 4984 Turney Rd., Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; **The Neighborhood News**, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Jeannette Dinger of Jennings Rd.; **The Wild Dog**, 589 Broadway, Gene Bush of Outley Parkway; **Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders**, 5035 Turney Rd., Kim Frezza of Charmwood Oval; **Turney Sunoco**, 6009 Turney Rd., Lydia Debelak of E. 128 St.;

**Turney Town Sunoco**, 4935 Turney Rd., Pete Koza of Lisa Dr.; **Unique Tax and Accounting, Inc.**, 6116 Fleet Ave., Joe Krill of E. 59 St.; **Tom Vaughn**, **Ward 7 Councilman**, **City of Garfield Hts.**, Joe Szumski of Oakwood Ave.; **Walgreens**, 12777 Rockside Rd., Henry Wasinski of Willard Ave.; **WeldonPC.com**, 5829 Turney Rd., Albert Dombek of Mendota Ave.; **Shannon Landscaping and Snowplowing**, 216-441-6167, Dolores Kubicek of E. 88 St.

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# Community police reports

(All information is preliminary and subject to change pending investigation.)

## CLEVELAND

### Foreign agency pursuit

Nov. 23, 9:19 p.m., 3200 block of E. 87 St. Garfield Heights police in pursuit of a stolen vehicle into Cleveland. Suspect vehicle crashed with a two-year-old child unrestrained. Driver fled on foot but was caught. EMS took child to Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Adult male in custody

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Theft-Shoplifting

On Nov. 17, at 7:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Giant Eagle on Transportation Blvd., for a male loading a cart with random items which employees believed he would probably not pay for. They asked police to stand by. Sure enough, the man attempted to exit the store without paying and a store employee yelled at him to stop. The suspect then left the cart loaded with \$1,095.88 worth of goods next to the exit door and walked out. Police had positioned their patrol car in front of the suspect as he exited the store. They commanded the suspect to walk towards them and place his hands behind his back to which he did without incident. He was handcuffed and

placed in the back of the cruiser. Dispatch ran the suspect through LEADS and he showed multiple misdemeanor and felony warrants with multiple agencies. Most of the warrants were for theft. He was later booked and housed at Garfield Heights Jail on felony theft. Holders were placed on him for his several misdemeanor and felony warrants.

### Theft of a Motor Vehicle

• On Nov. 21, at 6 a.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 12900 block of Orme Rd., for a stolen vehicle report. The owner said that his blue 2019 Hyundai Elantra was stolen from his driveway without keys, sometime during the night. Broken glass was observed on the ground indicating the rear, left window was broken to gain entry. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

• On Nov. 22, at about 3:45 a.m., police responded to the 13400 block of Woodward Ave., for a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner said that the night before, at about 11 p.m., he parked his red 2017 Hyundai Sonata in his driveway and woke up to find his car missing. He said his vehicle was locked and he had the keys. Officers found broken glass in the driveway. Vehicle entered into LEADS. That same day, at 6:45 a.m., an officer arrived at a home in the 13000 block of Orme for a cell phone in a stolen car pinging in the area. He observed a 2017 Hyundai Sonata, which had been reported stolen earlier in the night. The passenger side window was broken, the steering column peeled, and there was damage to the front bumper. A witness reported she saw two black males exit the vehicle and flee south through the backyards with flashlights. They were not located. Owner notified his car had been recovered.

### Criminal Damaging

• On Nov. 21, at 6:35 p.m., dispatch received a call that an unknown person had just thrown a brick through the

bedroom window of a woman living in the 5500 block of Turney Rd. She had been lying in her bed when the brick came through. There was a brick missing from her front garden, and a brick now lying on the victim's bedroom floor, with shards of glass all over her bed and floor. The area was canvassed but no suspects were located.

• On Nov. 26, police responded to a home in the 12800 block of Havana Rd., where the homeowner said that sometime between 11 p.m., on Nov. 22, and 1:30 p.m., on Nov. 26, someone had shot out the glass on her front storm door. A small copper BB was found on the ground. There was additional damage to a shutter and two pieces of siding.

### Traffic Offense-OVI

On Nov. 22, at 11:32 p.m., an officer on patrol observed in his rear view mirror a red SUV speeding west on Broadway near E. 141 St., at about 70 mph in a 35 mph. The car was rapidly getting closer to the patrol car, then struck it in the rear area. Suspect vehicle then went into the oncoming lanes of travel and fled. The officer activated his lights and siren to conduct a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle, a red Ford Escape, failed to stop and continued to drive as if nothing had happened, passing through several red lights and stop signs, and striking a tree, several curbs and another vehicle. The officer pursued the car through Cleveland, Shaker Heights and back to Garfield Heights, where the driver, a younger black female, entered an apartment complex driveway, where police were able to block her in and at gunpoint get her out of the car and onto the ground, handcuffing her. While speaking with the suspect, officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol coming from her, along with slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. She submitted to a breathalyzer test and blew 0.205. She began to have a panic attack and was taken to Marymount Hospital. She was charged with hit-skip, reckless operation, OVI and fleeing and eluding.

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## Cuy. Hts. Council update

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and passed the following legislation:

- Authorizing the sale of Permanent Parcel #522-25-020, 4580 and 4617 E. 71 St., to SM Hillside LLC.
- Entering into a contract with Zarney Creative for marketing services.
- Adopting the Countywide All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Cuyahoga County, 2022-2027 Update.
- Amending a section of the codified ordinances to prohibit the parking of certain vehicles, trailers and equipment in the village.
- Amending appropriations for expenses and other expenditures of the village during the period Jan. 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2022.
- Applying to participate in the 2023 Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program.
- Applying to participate in Cuyahoga County's 2023 Supplemental Grant Program.
- Changing the scope of the Service Department Parking Lot Improvements Project.
- Authorizing a change order to the 5047 E. 71 St. Demolition and Improvements Project.

## G.H. Food Bank schedule

The Garfield Heights Food Bank will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, between 1 and 2 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 15, between 5 and 6 p.m.

## G.H. Ward 5 Meet 'n Greet

Garfield Heights Ward 5 Councilwoman Rachelle Tonsing will sponsor a Ward 5 Meet 'n Greet and Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., at 6:30 p.m. Grand prize for the sweater contest is \$100. The councilwoman invites everyone to join in the fun and get to know your neighbors.

## Fish fries at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, is once again serving its famous dine-in fish fry dinners from 5-7 p.m., this Friday, Dec. 2. Take-outs available. Enjoy the crispy cod dinners with pirohi or french fries as well as pirohi, shrimp or combo dinners. For more information or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.

## LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in December at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

#### Kids Café -18 & younger

**Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m.**

Kids ages 18 and under can get a FREE lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

#### Student Success Center -K-8th grade

**Monday-Thursday (school days) 4-6:30 p.m.**

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### ST. ANDREW'S FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

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## Chat and Chew

### You talk, I listen!

Date: December 1, 2022  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Location: Maple Heights Library  
5353 Lee Road, Maple Hts., Ohio

**This is an opportunity to discuss important topics with Councilman Tim Tatum**

*This event is for District 3 residents only. Refreshments will be served.*

### IMPORTANT VIRTUAL (ZOOM) COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING

**On Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM**  
**Zoom call in : meeting ID 87253511281 ; Password 068604**

**Re: BOHEMIAN NATIONAL HALL – SOKOL GREATER CLEVELAND**

**Projects underway:** Parking lot resurfacing and Memorial Garden

**Planned projects:** Cleaning of front facade sandstone and side street brick wall masonry and Major Arched window replacement

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## LAPTOP GIVEAWAY

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Drawing will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 7pm  
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## Cleveland City Council votes added funds for neighborhood resource, recreation centers

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 21, both in person in Council Chambers and through live streaming. Some of the highlights included:

**Expanding Programs at Neighborhood Recreation Centers:** Council approved increasing funding by \$806,183 to support additional programs in the city's Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers. These additional funds will be used to increase the number of programs that are being provided to youth and families. These expanded programs are aimed at providing youth and the community access to resources, programs and activities that address the root causes of violence; promote healing, wellness, resiliency and self-efficacy; and support residents in developing the skills and knowledge required to thrive and live quality lives. Council had

previously approved \$1,883,317 and the increased amount is now \$2,689,500.

**Community-Based Violence Prevention:** The city's Prevention Initiative—Cleveland Project Thrive program will accept, per council approval, about \$1,994,908 from the Department of Justice and \$76,000 from the Cleveland Foundation. The grant will support city-led collaborative community violence intervention planning and strategies. This award, funded in part through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, is part of a \$100 million investment in community violence intervention programs from the Department of Justice.

**New Business:** The Mayor's Appointments Committee will meet on Thursday, Dec. 1, to interview the administration's 10 nominees for the new Cleveland Police Commission.

## Medicare Open Enrollment deadline for 2023 coverage is Dec. 7

Ohio Department of Insurance Director Judith L. French is reminding Ohioans on Medicare that the deadline to select Medicare health insurance coverage for 2023 is Dec. 7 at midnight.

Ohioans on Medicare have the option to select Original Medicare, often paired with a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, or a Medicare Advantage managed care plan.

Medicare Advantage plans provide comprehensive health insurance benefits typically including prescription drug coverage. Medicare information for 2023 can be found at [medicare.gov](https://medicare.gov).

"It's important that Ohioans on Medicare carefully evaluate their individual health care needs, so they are making informed choices when it comes to selecting suitable health insurance coverage," French said. "This should include understanding plan benefits, out-of-pocket costs, covered prescription drugs, in-network physicians, and premiums."

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## Programs at Bedford Branch of Cuyahoga Co. Library

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**Greeting Cards and Cocoa -for Adults**  
**Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.**

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**Winter Solstice -Children**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m.**

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